

REMARKS

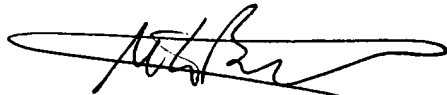
In the Office Action, claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 112 ¶ 2. The Examiner indicated in the Office Action that claims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome this rejection. As such, claims 1-2 have been amended. In particular, claims 1-2 have been amended to more clearly define Applicant's invention. Further, claim 20 has been added to this application. No new matter is believed to be introduced by the amendments and new claim. As such, claims 1-15 and 20 are pending and should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of pending claims is now requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. In the event there remains any impediment to allowance of the application, which could be clarified in a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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